

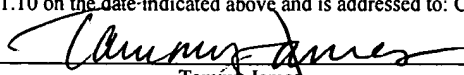
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 6, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Examiner Wang:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 6, 2001 in connection with the captioned application. A response to the Office Action was initially due on September 6, 2001. A Petition, with the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.17(c), extending the due date for three months to December 6, 2001 accompanies this response. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks made herein.